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Gene or Protein to Prevent
Restenosis.

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to an Official Action mailed from the Patent and Trademark Office on October 25, 2001. This response is timely filed with a petition and fee for two months extension of time. Should any unpaid fee be deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this document, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Marshall, Gerstein & Borun deposit account number 13-2855.

The applicants request favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the remarks presented below